THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir. 2437/2438 Nizamuddin- Secunderabad Rajdhani Express (weekly) has been introduced *w.e.f.* 17.02.2002.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Encroachment of Railway land

f3467. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the increasing encroachments on railway land alongwith the rail lines;

(b) if so, the details of railway land encroached upon;

(c) whether Government propose to launch a campaign to vacate the encroached land from occupation of encroachers; and

(d) the details of encroachment on railway land under Danapur Division of Eastern Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) There are approximately 1.5 lakh no. of encroachments covering an area of approximately 2162 hectares of railway land, out of which approximately 1500 no. of encroachments covering an area of approximately 2 hectares are in Danapur Division of Eastern Railway. Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to remove encroachments from their land as per provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Uauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, and as per provisions of the Railways Act, 1989.

Dholpur Gangapur City new rail line

†3468. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) for how many new rail lines surveys have been conducted in the country, during the last few years;

(b) the estimated cost as per the survey for laying new rail line between Dholpur and Gangapur City; and

(c) by when work on this rail line would be started after the approval?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJ AGOPAL): (a) During the last three years, 132 surveys for new rail line projects were completed.

(b) and (c) A survey for gauge conversion of Dhohpur-Sirmuttra narrow gauge line into broad gauge and its extension from Sirmuttra to Gangapur City by construction of a new broad gauge line was conducted in 1998. The survey report revealed that the cost of 144.60 kms. long line would be Rs. 170.34 crores with a negative rate of return. Due to unremunerative nature of the line and acute constraint of resources the project could not be considered.

Harassment of women passengers

3469. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of sexual harassment against women passenger have increased in Railways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps taken to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Though maintenance of law and order and control of crime on Railways premises including Railway Stations and running trains is the responsibility of the State Government concerned, the Railways co-ordinate with the State Governments for ensuring better security to the passengers. The Railway administration has taken the following steps:

1. Anti-social elements are removed from Railway premises and trains.
2. Coach Attendants/TTEs keep proper watch on the passengers entering/ detraining from the coaches.
3. The coaches are locked during night hours.
4. FIR forms are made available with the Train Guards/Stations masters/ RPF to facilitate the travelling public to lodge their reports immediately.
5. Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between RPF and GRP is done at all levels.